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SUBJ: PORTUGUESE RELATIONS WITH COMMUNIST COUNTRIES

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IN JULY 16 CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF, MINFON AFFAIRS CONTACT

MADE FOLLOWING POINTS:

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1. GOP HAS NOW COMPLETED PROGRAM TO NORMALIZE

DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH COMMUNIST COUNTRIES. ESTABLISHMENT OF RELATIONS WITH POLAND ON JULY 11 WAS EIGHTH, AND LAST, IN SERIES. GOP HAS NO INTENTION TO SEEK DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH ALBANIA OR TO "COUNTERBALANCE" RELATIONS WITH USSR BY ESTABLISHING RELATIONS WITH PRC.

2. IN ANY CASE, CONTACTS WITH PRC CURRENTLY BEING MAINTAINED VIA MACAU ARE, FROM GOP'S POINT OF VIEW, QUITE SATISFACTORY. THEY ALSO HAVE ADVANTAGE OF BEING DISCREET. (IN ANY EVENT PRC HAS INDICATED IT HAS NO INTENTION ESTABLISHING RELATIONS WITH GOP UNTIL AFRICAN COLONIES GRANTED INDEPENDENCE.)

3. EAST GERMANS, ROMANIANS AND YUGOSLAVS ARE NOW IN LISBON LOOKING OVER LOCAL REAL ESTATE MARKET FOR SUITABLE PROPERTIES. GOP HAS NEITHER BEEN ASKED FOR, NOR OFFERED TO PROVIDE, FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE IN LOCATING CHANCERY OR RESIDENCE SITES.

4. GOP DOES NOT EXPECT TO OPEN PORTUGUESE DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS BEFORE SEPTEMBER, IF THEN. ASIDE FROM PERSONNEL SHIFTS THIS WILL ENTAIL, GOP NOT YET READY TO BEGIN VIGOROUS PROGRAM OF PUSHING EXPORTS. (GOP BELIEVES ITS OPPORTUNITIES FOR EXPANDING EXPORTS LIE IN WEST EUROPE, NOT IN THE EAST.)

5. PORTUGUESE WILL ESTABLISH MISSIONS IN EACH OF EAST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES. MISSIONS WILL BE SMALL, HEADED EITHER BY AMBASSADORS OR CHARGES. REORGANIZATION OF FONMIN (SEE LISBON 3019) WILL ENABLE GOP TO STAFF SOME OF THESE MISSIONS WITH LOWER-RANKING CAREER OFFICERS, THEREBY ALLEVIATING SOMEWHAT THE ORGANIZATIONAL STRAINS PROVOKED BY SUDDENLY EXPANDED RELATIONS WITH THE OUTSIDE WORLD.

6. FROM OTHER SOURCES WE HAVE REPORT THAT WEALTHY PORTUGUESE BUSINESSMAN HAS RENTED SUMPTUOUS RESIDENCE IN PRESTIGIOUS RESTELO DISTRICT TO THE USSR EMBASSY-TO-BE AND THAT USSR HAS SUBMITTED REQUEST FOR AGREEMENT FOR SOVIET AMBASSADOR (NAME UNKNOWN).  
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